--- "Series of 1868"- Toronto Division - lithographed in BLACK ink - 490 x 50 mm. ---

1st BABN Contract (1868-1873)	John McKay reports 763,046 *lithographed* copies of "Black, Cigars" were 'delivered'. These must be Division Open strips, since Division Specific strips were not authorized by the Department until 1874.
2nd BABN Contract (1873-1878)	John McKay reports 1,412,000 *lithographed* "Black, Cigars" were 'delivered'. Some of these were for the Montreal and Toronto Divisions.
3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)	John McKay reports 1,306,111 *lithographed* copies of "Long Black, Cigars" were 'delivered'. He separately lists the delivery of 1,281,907 "Long Black, new, Cigars" from the Series of 1880.

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2nd BABN Contract (1873-1878) -	1,412,000
3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	1,306,111
	3,481,157

The catalogue lists the Toronto Division long black 1868 cigar strip as follows:

RG-73 - Toronto, black, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, "..... *lbs.*" on the 7th line, inscribed *J. Morrow*
RG-74 - Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, "..... *lbs.*" on the 7th line, inscribed *J. Morrow*
RG-188 - RG-74 stamped [**TWO HUNDRED CIGARS** **200**] in 10 mm Gothic letters

	ultimate control	estimated
Division Open -	1,751,681	1,800,000
Montreal Division -	840,752	900,000
Hamilton Division -	162,263	250,000
Toronto Division -	300,687	400,000
Windsor Division -	059,023	100,000
	3,114,406	3,450,000

★**RG-73n** - Cigars, Toronto, black, perf 12, without control numbering, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove

--- RG-73 - “Series of 1868”- Toronto Division - 1876-78 ---

--- in BLACK on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - perforated 12 - 5 mm. blue controls ---

--- inscribed “XXXI VICT. / CAP. VIII” at the sides - 485 x 50 mm. - without imprints ---

--- “.....*lbs.*” on the 7th line - *J. Morrow* / **Collector I. R. ---**

Chris Ryan reports that *John Morrow* replaced *George P. Dickson* as the primary Collector in Toronto on December 24th 1872, and was in turn replaced by *W.C. Stratton* on December 1st 1880.

★**RG-73** - Cigars, Toronto, black, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, control number **081925**, dated *23 - 76* in June 1876, by Licensee # *13*, for *1.17* pounds of cigars

074414	04/76	RG-73	Toronto, black, perf 12, unwmkd *horizontal* mesh wove, dated *19 - 76*, by Licensee # *3*
075547 ○	04/76	RG-73	Toronto, black, perf 12, unwmkd *horizontal* mesh wove, dated *20 - 76*, by Licensee # *6*
081894	01/76	RG-73	Toronto, black, perf 12, unwmkd *horizontal* mesh wove, dated *13 - 76*, by Licensee # *13*, for *1.17* pounds of cigars
081925★	04/76	RG-73	Toronto, black, perf 12, unwmkd *horizontal* mesh wove, dated *19 - 76*, by Licensee # *13*, for *1.17* pounds of cigars
083066	12/77	RG-73	Toronto, black, perf 12, unwmkd *horizontal* mesh wove, dated *12 - 77*
093796★	10/76	RG-73	Toronto, black, perf 12, unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, dated *7 - 76*, by Licensee # *11*, for *0.94* pounds of cigars
095113 ○	10/76	RG-73	Toronto, black, perf 12, unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, dated *7 - 76*, by Licensee # *11*, for *0.80* pounds of cigars
095872★	10/76	RG-73	Toronto, black, perf 12, unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, dated *8 - 76*, by Licensee # *2*, for *0.98* pounds of cigars
105768 ○	01/77	RG-73	Toronto, black, perf 12, unwmkd *horizontal* mesh wove, dated *13 - 77*, by Licensee # *1*, for *1.25* pounds
108384★		RG-73	Toronto, black, perf 12, unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, punch cancelled with a single 4 mm. hole
118988	03/77	RG-73	Toronto, black, perf 12, unwmkd *horizontal* mesh wove, dated *18 - 77*, by Licensee # *9*, for *0.85* pounds of cigars
165838	08/78	RG-73	Toronto, black, perf 12, unwmkd *horizontal* mesh wove, dated *3 - 78*, by Licensee # *9*, for *0.55* pounds of cigars
166857 ○	08/78	RG-73	Toronto, black, perf 12, unwmkd *horizontal* mesh wove, dated *4 - 78*, by Licensee # *9*, for *0.55* pounds of cigars

--- RG-74 - “Series of 1868”- Toronto Division - 1878-83 ---

--- in BLACK on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - perforated 9 - 5 mm. blue controls ---

--- inscribed “XXXI VICT. / CAP. VIII” at the sides - 485 x 50 mm. - without imprints ---

--- “.....*lbs.*” on the 7th line - *J. Morrow* / **Collector I. R. ---**

★**RG-74** - Cigars, Toronto, black, perf 9, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, control number **178537**, dated *15 - 79* in February 1879, by Licensee # *7*, for *0.61* pounds of cigars

171727 ○	07/78	RG-74	Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, dated *2 - 78*, by Licensee # *9,* for *0.53* pounds of cigars
178526★	02/79	RG-74	Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, dated *15 - 79*, by Licensee # *7,* for *0.61* pounds of cigars
178537	02/79	RG-74	Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, dated *15 - 79*, by Licensee # *9,* for *0.61* pounds of cigars
180557 ○	03/79	RG-74	Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, dated *17 - 79*, by Licensee # *9,* for *0.53* pounds of cigars
240793	02/82	RG-74	Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, dated *15 - 82*, by Licensee # *2,* for *0.61* pounds of cigars
250315	04/82	RG-74	Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, dated *20 - 82*, by Licensee # *3,* for *0.60* pounds of cigars
295749		RG-74	Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
295757-62		RG-74	Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, ***a full sheet of six strips, imperforate at the edges***
295765		RG-74	Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
295768		RG-74	Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
295769		RG-74	Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
295770		RG-74	Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
295772	07/83	RG-74	Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, dated *2 - 83*, by Licensee # *9,* for *0.53* pounds of cigars
295777		RG-74	Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
295785 ○		RG-74	Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove

--- RG-188 - “Series of 1868”- Toronto Division - 1883 ---

--- in BLACK on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - perforated 9 - with 5 mm. blue controls ---

--- inscribed “XXXI VICT. / CAP. VIII” at the sides - 485 x 50 mm. - without imprints ---

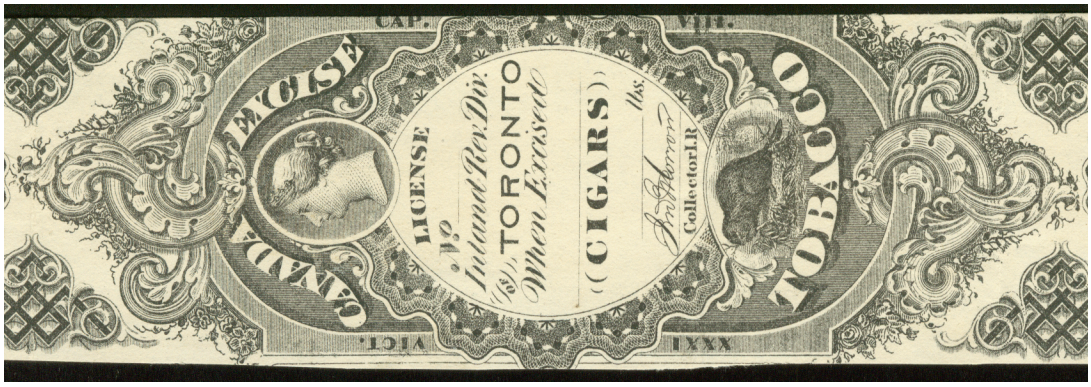
--- “.....*lbs.*” on the 7th line - *J. Morrow* / Collector I. R. ---

--- overprinted TWO HUNDRED CIGARS. and 200 in 10 mm. serifed Gothic characters ---

★**G-132** - Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, control number **300678**,
overprinted **TWO HUNDRED CIGARS.** and **200** in 10 mm. Gothic
the bottom 6 inch portion is missing - scanned at 50% scale

300678★	RG-188	Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, stamped **TWO HUNDRED CIGARS** missing 6 inches of the right end with the numerals	**200**
300687★	RG-188	Toronto, black, perf 9, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, stamped **TWO HUNDRED CIGARS**	**200**

It would seem that a batch of surplus strips, taken from the Toronto remainders beginning at control number **300000**, was overprinted for 200 cigar *provisional use* in the “Series of 1883”.



★**RG-74n** - Toronto, black, perf 9 (clipped), without control numbering, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove

The collection contains the above illustrated copy of the *clipped-perforation* control-free **RG-74n**. Was this taken from a proof plate as **RG-74n PP**? Both the paper and the printing seem to be of better quality than that found on the control-numbered copies.

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